

**West Hartford Substance Abuse Prevention Commission (SAPC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 9, 2017**

**Present:** Nordia Napier, Chastity Rodriguez, Jean Schensul, Jonathan Merritt, Helen Drohan, Joseph Kalache, Dave Pauluk

**Absent:** Sagar Patel, Benjamin Grippo, Amal Ali, Leo Negron, Jaclyn Dulude, David Eppner, Kim Ambroise, Ed D'Addio, Grace Johnson

**Public:** Emily Melnick, Mitch Irving, Alysha Williams, Lillian Oliveira, Gabriel Garcia, Kristina Soltis

**Minutes Approval:** Minutes for 6/8/17, 9/14/17, 10/12/17 not approved; lack of quorum

**Appointments:** Nicole Edlund to replace Grace Johnson, Jaclyn Dulude (reappointed), David Eppner (reappointed), Kim Ambroise (reappointed), Alysha Williams (Conard Student Rep), Anastasia Khrenova (Hall Student Rep)

**Welcome / Introductions / Early Departures / Announcements**

- All official proceedings, motions, and approval of minutes were not passed or voted on as there was a lack of quorum.
- Turnbridge Presentation, Kristina Soltis: handed out flyers and spoke about outpatient services focusing on young adult substance users; emphasized families needing support just as much as the user. Parent support group will be held at the JCC 2x/month; parents of users of any age welcome.
- SAPC Special meeting will be held on November 16 at 5:30pm in room 400 at town hall to address issues of quorum and take nominations of chair, vice chair, and to approve prior meeting minutes.
- Helen Drohan reported on the take back program; had a lower turn out than past programs (only 4 boxes collected). Currently working with

Chief of Police to figure out another location for the take back date coming up in April 2018.

- Questions regarding advising town council: Should we invite speakers to advise? Should we have a drop box in West Hartford?
- Jean Schensul discussed major topics to address town council should include: alcohol, safe storage of Rx drugs, internet/porn addiction, and mental health in general. Regarding speakers paid by grant funds in West Hartford: Can we have a youth voice? A youth panel should be prepared to address the speaker on behalf of all students.
- Mitch Irving readdressed the relationship between ICR and SAPC: Role of coalition is for different areas of intervention to collaborate, report, give updates, and share progress. Mitch discussed meeting with the West Hartford Teen Center Leadership Group for the last several weeks, and presented data collected last year.

**Next Steps:**

**Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan Merritt  
November 17, 2017

